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**EXTERNAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD**  
(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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